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## Politicians, media fare poorly in poll

The general public lumps politicians and journalists together as untrustworthy, power hungry and out of tune with what the public wants, a report by the Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center says. Major findings:

▶ 70% of the people surveyed agreed that the country is governed "by a handful of powerful politicians, journalists and businesses" and that the public can do little or nothing to change things.

▶ 53% said they believe journalists are more interested in wielding power than in what is good for the country; 71% said they think the same of politicians.

▶ 78% agreed that managers of the news media are more interested in increased circulation and profits than in telling the public what it needs to know.

▶ 57% said they believe that journalists are no more honest than the politicians they criticize.

But there is hope for journalists: 68% of the public agreed that if it were not for the news media, no one would know how to vote or what issues to support.

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KENNEDY: Documents under review

**INTELLIGENCE SECRECY:** A Cold War "culture of secrecy" in the CIA, FBI and other agencies hindered probes into the killing of President John F. Kennedy, a non-government panel was told Tuesday. The government's handling of the assassination records was marked by "secrecy, deceit, obfuscation, rumor and innuendo," attorney Jim Legar told the Assassination Records Review Board, a panel of historians appointed by federal law to oversee documents on the Kennedy assassination.